

For: Flue-Cured Tobacco State and County Offices

2003 Issuance of Marketing Cards

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Issuing Marketing Cards

A Background

Notice TB-1081 provided clarification on issuing marketing cards for the 2003 marketing year. County Offices were instructed **not** to withhold or issue the 3 percent of the farm's effective marketing quota on a separate marketing card.

Concerns that this restriction would result in significant hardships within the tobacco community has resulted in a policy change.

B Purpose

This notice provides instructions for processing 2003 flue-cured tobacco marketing cards when the farm operator requests a separate marketing card for the 3 percent above the farm's effective marketing quota.

C County Office Action

County Offices shall issue 2003 marketing cards according to Notice TB-1081, except when farm operators request in writing that the 3 percent of the farm's effective marketing quota be issued on a separate marketing card.

Note: Farm operators may request a separate marketing card for 3 percent of the farm's effective marketing quota for each producer on the farm.

D State Office Action

State Offices shall ensure that provisions of this notice are followed in all flue-cured tobacco County Offices effective for the 2003 marketing year.

Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2003	Flue-Cured Tobacco State Offices; State Offices relay to applicable County Offices